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SUBJECT: CSCE: POSITIONS OF ALLIES-- PART 6-- NORWAY

1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, WE TRANSMIT BELOW OUR CURRENT ESTIMATE OF PARTICULAR CONCERNS WHICH NORWAY HAS IN CSCE. WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEMPTED TO ELABORATE ON SUBJECTS WHICH ARE OF GENERAL CONCERN TO ALL OR MOST NATO ALLIES, AND OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE.

2. INFLUENCE OF NORDIC CAUCUS-- ALL THREE NORDIC ALLIES-- DENMARK, NORWAY AND ICILAND-- ARE STRONGLY INFLUENCED IN THEIR APPROACH TO CSCE BY THEIR DESIRE TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE INFORMAL NORDIC CAUCUS. SINCE THIS GROUP INCLUDES TWO NEUTRALS--SWEDEN AND FINLAND-- THIS DESIRE OFTEN CONFLICTS WITH THE NORWEGIANS' WISH TO MAINTAIN NATO SOLIDARITY. THE GENERAL EFFECT IS TO MAKE THE NORWEGIANS MORE WILLING TO COMPROMISE THAN MOST OTHER ALLIES, AND TO REINFORCE THEIR DESIRE FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO CSCE.

3. ALLIED CONSULTATIONS--NORWEGIANS HAVE FELT A BIT LEFT OUT OF ALLIED CONSULTATION PROCESS IN CSCE, BECAUSE FIRM EC-NINE POSITIONS ARE OFTEN AGREED BEFORE

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PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED IN THE NATO CAUCUS.ALONG WITH

CANADIANS, OURSELVES AND OTHER NON-NINE ALLIES, THEY HAVE TRIED TO MAKE NATO CONSULTATIONS MORE MEANINGFUL.

4. PRINCIPLES-- NORWAY SHARES GENERAL ALLIED GOALS OF PROTECTION OF WESTERN POSITIONS, AND ATTENUATION OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE.

5. MILITARY ASPECTS--

(A) GENERAL--NORWAY SHARES GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF NATO ALLIES TO HAVE SOME MODEST MILITARY CONTENT IN CSCE, IN FORM OF MEANINGFUL AGREEMENT OF CBMS.

(B) MOVEMENTS--LIKE OTHER ALLIES, NORWEGIANS FAVOR A CBM ON MOVEMENTS, BUT ARE RESIGNED THAT HIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, AND HOPE WE CAN AGREE TO A COMPROMISE FORMULATION TO COUNTER THE SOVIET PROPOSAL LINKING THE MOVEMENTS ISSUE TO FOLLOW-UP.

(C) NATURE OF COMMITTEMENT--NORWAY OPPOSES WEAKENING OF UK FORMULATION FOR NATURE OF COMMITTEMENT FOR CBMS ("HAVE DECIDED THAT THEY WILL...").

(D) SYMPATHETIC TO NEUTRAL CONCERNS-- NORWEGIANS ARE VERY SYMPATHETIC TO NEUTRALS' CONCERNS, WHICH IN MILITARY AREA IMPLIES BORADENING OF MILITARY CONTENT OF CSCE. NORWEGIANS THUS FAVOR NOTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT AIR AND NAVAL MANEUVERS AS WELL AS SMALLER-SCALE (BELOW DIVISION LEVEL) MANEUVERS. THEY ALSO FAVOR AN OPERATIVE PROVISION CALLING FOR "SELF RESTRAINT" IN MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

6. ECONOMICS--NORWAY AS SUPPORTED GENERAL WESTERN GOAL OF LIBERALIZING EASTERN TRADE PRACTICES AND HAS RESISTED EASTERN PROPOSALS FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF MFN AND ELIMANATION OF DISCRIMATORY QRS. NORWEGIANS TAKE A KEEN INTEREST IN TEXTS RELATING TO SHIPPING, AND HAVE TRIED TO KEEP ALL OPTIONS OPEN FOR FREEDOM OF EXPLOATION OF THEIR OIL RESOURCES. IN PARTICULAR, THEY HAVE RESISTED EC-NINE EFFORTS TO INCLUDE A TEXT ON ACCESS TO RAW MATERIALS.

7. BASKET III--

(A) GENERAL--NORWAY SHARES GENERAL ALLIED  
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OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING SOME MEANINGFUL FREE MOVEMENT PROVISIONS, PARTICULARLY UNDER HEADINGS OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION, MARRIAGE, TRAVEL, AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS.

(B) MARRIAGE--NORWAY HAS A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL ON MARRIAGE BETWEEN NATIONALS OF DIFFERENT STATES, WHICH IT AUTHORED.

(C) JOURNALISTS-- NORWEGIANS HAVE SHOWN SOME

INTEREST IN A MEANINGFUL TEXT ON WORKING CONDITIONS  
FOR JOURNALISTS.

8. FOLLOW-UP-- NORWEGIANS ARE ONE OF THE ONLY NATO  
ALLIES WHO OPENLY FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOLLOW-UP  
MECHANISM, AND THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO FIND A COMPROMISE  
ON THIS ISSUE. SOMETIME AGO THEY PUT FORWARD INFOR-  
MALLY A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL OF THEIR OWN, WHICH WOULD  
ENTAIL AGREEMENT TO A FURTHER MEETING TO DECIDE ON  
PERIODICITY OF SUBSEQUENT FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. SINCE  
THE FINNS TABLED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR A FOLLOW-UP  
COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, THE NORWEGIANS HAVE TENDED TO SEE  
IT AS THE MOST LIKELY COMPROMISE SOLUTION.DALE

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